

Graceway Weekly - An electronic newsletter for members and friends of Graceway Fellowship, Green Bay, Wisconsin

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

Pastor Rick and Pastor Mike are serving at the BLBA Youth and Children's Camp this week. Pastor Rick is preparing a message for this Sunday morning that will reflect on his week at Children's Camp, and continue his focus on the theme of VBS with the message Jesus Saw The Children based on Mark 10:13-16. We will not have an evening service this Sunday.

Graceway Kids begins a new series – *Small But Wise*. We look at the characteristics shown in the animals in Proverbs 30:24-28. We start with the lowly ant, not strong but they prepare themselves in season.

Nursery Lesson will continue to hear about God's Love Is For Everyone. We use the color red and the heart shape to teach this lesson on a level those in the nursery can understand.

CAMPING

Today marks the half-way mark of BLBA Youth and Children's Camp. The temperatures and weather conditions have been ideal for those attending this week's camp. Many prayers are being answer as campers are making decisions for Christ, while others are devoting themselves be more committed to living like Jesus. Many new friendships are being made through fun group activities, shared meals, and getting to know bunkhouse mates. Campers will be packing up and heading home Friday afternoon. Continue to pray for them.

VBS

As your enter Graceway you should begin to notice decorations giving you a hint of Vacation Bible School. VBS- Submerged begins July 11 and we still could use some more volunteers. Signage on the entry-way table highlights areas of greatest need. Join others who have committed to investing in our kids, our future. If you know of someone interested in attending encourage them to use the handy on-line registration. Everyone who registers on-line is eligible for special prizes.

SOUND TRAINING

Tomorrow evening Ken Boyd will lead be a training session on the operation of the equipment in the sound booth. If you're interested in joining this ministry the training session begins 7PM. You'll learn how to operate the sound and projection systems, and get the basics on microphone placement and proper usage. If you have any questions contact Ken.

YOUR MISSIONARIES

South Carolina native JOHN CHAMBERS and his wife, CHRISTIE, started a church to reach the state's fourth largest city of Rock Hill. The church has had a significant outreach to college students from nearby Winthrop University. Many of those college students have stayed after graduation, giving the church plant a large number of young families. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help John continue to build a church that's impacting the Rock Hill community. Pray that Remedy Church can add more seniors to their membership to help disciple the growing number of young families in the church. Also, pray that God will continue to open doors to reach college students.

BETHANY and DAVID ANDERSON* work with a tribal group that had never heard the gospel until the 1950s. These tribal people were fierce headhunters who believed that a rite of passage for every boy was to kill and then take the human head. But once missionaries came and shared the gospel with them, everything changed.

People came to faith and a church was established among the tribal group. The Andersons are continuing on the journey with this tribal group, helping believers reach out to other tribal people. Your giving to the Cooperative Program is making this work possible.

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

<u>Fue Chee & Cindy Her</u> – Gospel Hmong Baptist Church, Roseville, MN

<u>Shon & Becky McIntyre</u> – The Real Tree Church, Farmington, MN <u>Chucklu & Neng Vang</u> – Eternal Life Hmong Baptist Church, Oakdale, MN

Church Planting Catalyst:

<u>Mark & Debbie Millman</u> – Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association

Potential location for a new church start:

Madison - Hispanic

Answered Prayer:

Pastor Shon McIntyre reports: I met with the neighbor from last week for coffee and that went well. I am working on building a relationship with him. He knows what I am about and still wants to get together. I don't do any bait and switch tactics. My wife has also had a couple of encounters with another neighbor and that seems to be heading in the right direction as well. These things take time. I know that it's an old cliche saying, but people really don't care what you know or know about until they know that you care about them. Presently, outside of Sundays, we are working on building relationships in the community.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Q: How does a home schooler change a light bulb?

A: First, mom checks out three books at the library on electricity, then the kids make models of light bulbs, read a biography of Thomas Edison and do a skit based on his life. Next, everyone studies the history of lighting methods, wrapping up with dipping their own candles. Next, everyone takes a trip to the store where they

compare types of light bulbs as well as prices and figure out how much change they'll get if they buy two bulbs for \$1.99 and pay with a five-dollar bill. On the way home, a discussion develops over the history of money and also Abraham Lincoln, as his picture is on the five-dollar bill. Finally, after building a homemade ladder out of branches dragged from the woods, the light bulb is installed. And there is light.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

TODAY-FRIDAY – BLBA Youth and Children's Camp

THURSDAY – Sound Booth: Audio, Computer, Microphone Training
Session, 7PM

SUNDAY – No Evening Service
July 4 – Independence Day
July 11-15 – VBS Submerged, 6-8:30PM
July 16 – Post-VBS Celebration, 1PM
July 24 – Commission Youth Missions Group, AM Service
July 24-31 – Youth Mission Trip to Albia, IA

August 7-12 – BLBA Builders Project, Layton Ave Baptist, Milwaukee August 17 –Dinner Fellowship, 5:30 PM; Annual Business Meeting, 6:30 August 20-26 – Hands of Hope, Racine

October 14-16 – Youth Called Out Conference, Baraboo

When a clock gets hungry, it goes back four seconds.

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